Amendment to the Claims

Below is a complete listing of all pending claims, as amended:

1. (Currently amended) A method for affiliation management, performed by an information system, the method comprising:

a step for providing a store comprising:

a first plurality of records each describing a respective person;

a second plurality of records wherein each record of the second plurality describes a respective item comprising at least one of a task and an appointment;

indicia of associations between records of the first plurality and records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks; and

indicia of a plurality of identified affiliations;

a step for managing user sessions, each user session identified to a respective person of the first plurality of records, each session comprising interaction between the information system and a respective user described by the record of the respective person;

a step for providing a first presentation in a first user session identified to a first person for viewing by the respective user described by the record of the first person, the first presentation comprising field values of records selected from the first plurality and the second plurality in accordance with a first identified affiliation;

a step for providing a control in the first user session for operation by the respective user described by the record of the first person;

a step for creating a second identified affiliation in response to operation of the control; and

a step for providing a second presentation in accordance with the second identified affiliation in a second user session identified to a second person for viewing by the respective user described by the record of the second person.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

a step for managing usage rights for each session; and

a step for granting a usage right to the second person for creating during the second session an association of the second identified affiliation to a multiplicity of the first plurality of records not used in providing the first presentation.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

a step for managing usage rights for each session; and

a step for granting a usage right to the second person for creating during the second session an association of the second identified affiliation to a multiplicity of the second plurality of records not used in providing the first presentation.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

a step for managing usage rights for each session; and

a step for granting a usage right to the second person for creating during the second session an association of the second identified affiliation to further indicia of association between records of the first plurality and records of the second plurality.

5. (Currently amended) A method for affiliation management, performed by an information system, the method comprising:

a step for providing a store comprising:

a first plurality of records each describing a respective person;

a second plurality of records wherein each record of the second plurality describes a respective item comprising at least one of a task and an appointment;

first indicia of associations between records of the first plurality and records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks;

a third plurality of records each describing a charge of at least one of a time period and an expense;

second indicia of associations between records of the first plurality, records of the second plurality, and records of the third plurality; and

third indicia of a plurality of identified affiliations;

a step for managing user sessions, each user session identified to a respective person of the first plurality of records, each session comprising interaction between the information system and a respective user described by the record of the respective person;

a step for providing in a first user session identified to a first person:

a first presentation <u>for viewing by the respective user described by the record of</u> <u>the first person, the first presentation</u> comprising field values of records selected from the first plurality and the second plurality according to an identified affiliation;

a first control <u>for operation by the respective user described by the record of the</u> <u>first person;</u> and

a second control <u>for operation by the respective user described by the record of</u> <u>the first person;</u>

a step for creating a record of the third plurality in response to user operation of the first control;

a step for receiving a request in response to user operation of the second control, the request comprising indicia of criteria; and

a step for downloading in a format for accounting a multiplicity of field values of records of the third plurality of records in accordance with the criteria.

6. (Currently amended) A method for affiliation management, <u>performed by an information</u> <u>system,</u> the method comprising:

a step for providing a store comprising:

a first plurality of records each describing a respective person;

a second plurality of records wherein each record of the second plurality describes a respective item comprising at least one of a task and an appointment;

indicia of associations between records of the first plurality and records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks; and

indicia of a plurality of identified affiliations;

a step for managing user sessions, each user session identified to a respective person of the first plurality of records<u>, each session comprising interaction between the information system</u> <u>and a respective user described by the record of the respective person;</u>

a step for providing a first presentation in a first user session identified to a first person, the first presentation <u>for viewing by the respective user described by the record of the first</u> <u>person, the first presentation</u> comprising a first multiplicity of field values of records selected from the first plurality and the second plurality in accordance with a first identified affiliation; and

a step for providing a second presentation in a second user session identified to a second person, the second presentation <u>for viewing by the respective user described by the record of the second person, the second presentation</u> comprising a second multiplicity of field values of records selected from the first plurality and the second plurality in accordance with a second identified affiliation; wherein the second multiplicity includes at least one field value of the first multiplicity and at least one field value not of the first multiplicity.

7. (Currently amended) A method for affiliation management, <u>performed by an information system,</u> the method comprising:

a step for providing a store of identified affiliation information, the store comprising:

a first plurality of records each describing a respective person;

a second plurality of records wherein each record of the second plurality describes a respective item comprising at least one of a task and an appointment;

indicia of associations between records of the first plurality and records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks; and

indicia of a plurality of identified affiliations;

a step for managing user sessions, each user session identified to a respective person of the first plurality of records<u>, each session comprising interaction between the information system and a respective user described by the record of the respective person</u>;

a step for providing a first presentation in a first user session identified to a first person, the first presentation <u>for viewing by the respective user described by the record of the first person, the first presentation</u> comprising field values of records selected from the first plurality and the second plurality in accordance with a first identified affiliation;

a step for providing a control in the first user session for beginning a chat session <u>for operation by the respective user described by the record of the first person</u>; and

a step for providing a list of persons identified to other active user sessions selected from records of the first plurality in accordance with the criteria of the first identified affiliation.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein:

the store further comprises indicia of a project identified to a first multiplicity of records of the first plurality and to a second multiplicity of records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks; and

the list is further selected in accordance with indicia of the project.

9. (Currently amended) A store <u>for access by an information system, the store</u> comprising:

a first plurality of records each describing a respective person;

a second plurality of records wherein each record of the second plurality describes a respective item comprising at least one of a task and an appointment;

indicia of associations between records of the first plurality and records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks;

a third plurality of records each describing a note;

indicia of associations between records of the third plurality and at least one of records the first plurality and records of the second plurality;

indicia of subject for associating records of the first plurality, the second plurality, and the third plurality, each respective association in accordance with a common subject; and

indicia of <u>identified</u> affiliations, each affiliation being associated with a multiplicity of the first plurality, the second plurality, and the third plurality of records<u>, wherein the store provides content for presentations by the information system for affiliation management to and as directed by users of the information system</u>.

10. (Original) The store of claim 9 wherein the common subject comprises indicia of a person of the first plurality of records.

11. (Currently amended) The store of claim 9 wherein the common subject comprises [[a]] indicia of an item of the second plurality of records.

12. (Original) The store of claim 9 wherein:

the store further includes indicia of a project identified to a first multiplicity of records of the first plurality and to a second multiplicity of records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks; and

the common subject comprises indicia of the project.

13. (Currently amended) A method for affiliation management, <u>performed by an information system,</u> the method comprising:

a step for providing a store comprising:

a first plurality of records each describing a respective person;

a second plurality of records wherein each record of the second plurality describes a respective item comprising at least one of a task and an appointment;

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indicia of associations between records of the first plurality and records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks; and

indicia of a plurality of identified affiliations;

a step for providing a first presentation <u>to a user of the information system</u> comprising field values of records selected from the first plurality and the second plurality in accordance with a first identified affiliation and a first aggregation;

a step for receiving a request to edit a field value of a record of the store thereby creating a modified field value; and

a step for providing a control comprising a list of alternate aggregations for user activation in place of the first aggregation, <u>the control for operation by the respective user described by the record of the first person,</u> the list including a particular aggregation operative in accordance with the modified field value.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the method further comprises a step for creating the particular aggregation.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the modified field value comprises indicia of a person of the first plurality of records.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the modified field value comprises indicia of an item of the second plurality of records.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein:

the store further includes indicia of a project identified to a first multiplicity of records of the first plurality and to a second multiplicity of records of the second plurality to associate at least one of attendees to appointments and assignees to tasks; and

the modified field value comprises indicia of the project.

18. (Currently amended) A method for communicating among users of a plurality of users, the method performed by a server, the method comprising:

providing a list of items to any particular user of the plurality, wherein:

each item is of a common type, the common type being of a set of types including a contact, an appointment, and a task; and

each item is associated with a respective set of controls, <u>each control comprising a presentation to a user interface,</u> wherein:

each respective set of controls comprises respective controls of common appearance as respective controls of each other set of controls; and

each respective control of each set, when activated by a user <u>via the user interface</u>, performs a function in accordance with the item to which it is associated; and

accepting input of the particular user to activate a particular control to facilitate at least one of the creation of a new item, accessing a created item, and accessing a second list of created items, the second list prepared according to the method.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the control comprises an icon having a multiplicity of appearances, each appearance conveying a status of a second item accessible via activation of the icon.

20. (Original) A memory device comprising instructions for performing the method of claim 18.

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